

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air-conditioning outdoor unit comprising:
a compressor (1) ~~that includes~~ including a discharge port (1a) and an intake port (1b);
an outdoor heat exchanger (3);
an external connection port (11); and
a four-way switching valve (2) ~~that includes~~ including a pair of primary ports (6a) (6b) respectively connected to the discharge port (1a) and the intake port (1b) of the compressor (1) and a pair of secondary ports (7a) (7b), wherein one secondary port (7a) of the pair of secondary ports (7a) (7b) is being connected to the external connection port (11), the other secondary port (7b) of the pair of secondary ports (7a) (7b) is being connected to the outdoor heat exchanger (3); and
a plurality of flexible pipes (20) (21) are respectively arranged between the one of the secondary ports (7a) and the external connection port (11) and between the other of the secondary ports (7b) and the outdoor heat exchanger (3).
2. (Currently Amended) The air-conditioning outdoor unit of claim 1, wherein
the pair of primary ports (6a) (6b) of the four-way switching valve (2) is directly connected to the discharge port (1a) and the intake port (1b) of the compressor (1) without an intervening a vibration absorbing mechanism ~~such as a trap portion or a loop portion.~~

3. (Currently Amended) An air conditioner comprising:
the air-conditioning outdoor unit of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2; and
an air-conditioning indoor unit ~~that includes~~ including an indoor heat exchanger (5)
~~and to which the air-conditioning indoor unit being connected to the air-conditioning~~
~~outdoor unit is connected.~~
4. (Currently Amended) A compressor unit comprising:
a compressor (1) ~~that includes~~ including a discharge port (1a) and an intake port (1b);
~~and~~
a four-way switching valve (2) ~~that includes~~ having a pair of primary ports (6a) (6b)
respectively connected to the discharge port (1a) and the intake port (1b) of the compressor
(1) and a pair of secondary ports (7a) (7b), wherein; and
a plurality of flexible pipes are respectively connected to the ~~pair of~~ secondary ports
(7a) (7b) of the four-way switching valve (2).
5. (Currently Amended) The compressor unit of claim 4, wherein
the ~~pair of~~ primary ports (6a) (6b) of the four-way switching valve (2) is directly
connected to the discharge port (1a) and the intake port (1b) of the compressor (1) without an
intervening a vibration absorbing mechanism ~~such as a trap portion or a loop portion.~~
6. (New) An air conditioner comprising:
the air-conditioning outdoor unit of claim 2; and

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an air-conditioning indoor unit including an indoor heat exchanger, the air-conditioning indoor unit being connected to the air-conditioning outdoor unit.